Sea erosion at Karunagapally.

77 *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has investigated the reasons for the sea erosion at Karunagapally;

(*b*) whether there is sea erosion at other parts of Travancore coast; and

(*c*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, whether the Chief Engineer has investigated the reasons for the erosion?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Not yet.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether geologists will be consulted on the causes of the frequent erosions?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: This type of erosion occurs frequently in various parts of Travancore; it happens in one place this year and in another place in the next. This year it happened to occur in Karunagapally.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the erosion still continues?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No, Sir, erosion in Kovalam was very soon remedied.

PRESIDENT: As a matter of fact, the erosion has not only disappeared but more land has risen up.

Sea erosion.

78 * MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there had been sea erosion near the Travellers' Bungalow at Kovalam in Mithunam 1120; and

(*b*) if so, the extent of erosion and the loss and damage if any?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes, at the bathing ghat and not near the Travellers' Bungalow.

(*b*) For a length of about 2000 feet and width varying from 50 to 100 feet. A large number of cocoanut trees and part of a mosque have been damaged.

Soil erosion.

79 *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the question of soil erosion in Travancore; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation by the Chief Engineer in consultation with the Conservator of Forests and the Director of Agriculture.

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